

VOICES FROM CITY PULPITS

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for peace—sought in the spirit of peace. Not leaders—not a press—jauntily introduce war, or a hint at war, in the first stage of an international discussion!

Just a word in conclusion! If it is true that so far as England is concerned this country has had many things to complain of. It is true that English foreign policy has been aggressive, selfish, and often insolent to the last degree. Ought we, then, to imitate her? Ought we to do the same, because it is English, you know? No! If such are her ways—the ways of our mother—if she sets the example of international bullying—her daughter, these United States, ought to set the example of international good manners! Without bluster—without the introduction of that terrible word "war," or even the hint at it—England's daughter, while insisting firmly upon her own rights, should be magnanimous, generous, courteous, gentle, Christ-like in speech!

We owe this attitude to ourselves—we owe it England, in spite of all her faults, I love her well. From her we received our laws, our customs, our civilization. Wherever her flag floats it means liberty, freedom, Christianity. Even to mention the word "war" in connection with her seems to me sin. God forbid it. And God grant that mother and daughter may go down the path of history—hand in hand—heart to heart—for the benefit of civilization and of Christ.

REMARKS IN OTHER PULPITS.

Christ's Increasing Reign in the Statesmanship and Diplomacy of the Nations—The World's Best Assurance of Peace on Earth and Righteous Will Among Men.

Said Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth in the course of his Christmas sermon yesterday forenoon, which was based on the words "Ephesians 2—"Wherefore remember . . . that at that time ye were without Christ."

Jesus' increasing reign in the statesmanship and diplomacy of the nations, more than ties of kinship and blood, is the world's best assurance of peace on earth and righteousness will among men. An eastern fable related that there was a massive tower reaching high into the air, and that every hundred years an angel descended and brushed the top of the tower with the tip of his wing. And an English essayist, Thomas De Quincy, represented the length of time that must elapse before the brush of the angel's wing could reduce the tower to the level of the plane, as the measure of the ages which must pass before men should learn war no more upon the earth. If might were the supreme law of nations, and only an occasional visitation of some higher faith should soften the proud will of man, then indeed the vision of the age of universal peace might recede into the infinite distance, and the progress of humanity be only a hope of brightness appearing for a day to be again overclouded, like the burden of Dumas, "One called unto me out of Self, Watchman, what of the night?" Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night. But another prophet of the Lord foretold the time when "It shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be with brightness, and with gloom; but it shall be one day which is known unto the Lord; not day and not night, but it shall come to pass that at evening-time it shall be light." That day of the Lord shall not end in another darkness, but in light at evening-time. Because our world is left no more to occasional touch of the higher love, but because the Christ has dwelt among us, and His spirit is making all things new among the nations, we expect the constant approach with ever quickening chariot wheels, and the final coming of the Kingdom of God on earth.

If, however, at this approaching Christmas time, when the shadow of a momentous issue has fallen between two Christian nations, I may seem to disappoint the wishes of those who would have all our pulpits this day devoted to the words of international peace, I thus refrain from public comment on the preliminary positions now taken by our government, not because of any failure on my part to appreciate either the seriousness of the time, or the obligation, alike historic and patriotic, of your pulpits to give no uncertain sound on grave matters of national and Christian weal. But when the passions of men are aflame, and when essential facts and principles await final investigation and calm determination in the fear of God, some studious silence may be the first condition precedent to ultimate wisdom of decisive speech. When momentous issues are at stake, impulsive and intemperate utterance even of the holy desires for peace may provoke in the popular sentiment reaction towards opposite folly of warlike passion. When the credit of the nation is to be maintained by its united financial wisdom and power, any incoherence or denunciatory expressions of summary judgment may serve but to add fuel to the flames already threatening incalculable loss to the two leading civilizations of the world. At this critical time of intelligence, coolness of spirit, and the wisdom which shall surely increase with the months that shall elapse before final positions must be taken, are the chief public virtues, and the most religious obligations of patriotism to be observed by all who love righteousness and pray for the peace of the world.

WORDS OF POWER.

Rev. Mr. Griffin's Christmas Sermon—The Venezuelan Question—"Some One Has Blundered"—"No Submission to Wrong"—"The Only True Peace a Righteous One"—"Why No Travels of Nations Over the Massacres in Armenia."

In the course of his Christmas sermon last evening at Epworth M. E. church the pastor, Rev. Mr. Griffin, said:

The "Prince of Peace" was the subject of Rev. D. N. Griffin's sermon at Epworth M. E. church last evening. Text, Isaiah 61: 7: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice hence even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

The preacher spoke in part as follows:

At Christmas tide when we are called upon as at no other time to echo the song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men" it seems inexplicably sad that the two greatest nations of the earth, both nominally Christian, should lift up instead the cry of war, which, in case it should really occur would involve many, if not all of the nations of the earth.

It is too early at present, and the data too insufficient, to say where the real fault lies, but the truth remains that somebody has "blundered." Of course the only true peace is a righteous one, and the cry of "peace, peace, when there is no peace" is worse by far than war itself. Such a peace is only that of the lamb in the presence of the lion. It has been prophesied, it is true, that "the leopard and the kid shall lie down together." But it is also certain that the United States will not allow an American lamb to lie down inside the British lion. For truly has our president said: "No great calamity can befall a nation than supine submission to wrong." Preferable indeed is war with all its attendant evils than such peace at the cost of justice and righteousness.

But the question in this case seems to be to find out which nation is right and which wrong, or whether perhaps both may not be partly right and partly wrong.

If England is seeking to grasp what does not belong to her, then we should interfere, but if she is only seeking to establish an honest boundary line, then it is none of our business. But at present it is difficult to determine whether it is England's aggression or America's unjustified suspicion that has caused this tremendous tumult and talk of war.

In either case, I repeat it, some one has "blundered" and although this great excitement, greater than has occurred before since the Rebellion, shall result in talk only, still it is a very unfortunate and unchristian fact that such an affair should occur.

If only as much interest and concern had been aroused toward the poor and perishing Armenians, I believe the angel choir would have attuned their golden harps anew and sang again, at the incarnation, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." And why not are the rights of humanity of less importance than the rights of nations? or the doctrine of human brotherhood of less value than the "Monroe doctrine?"

God forbid! If we have any surplus guns or ammunition let us send it to the Armenians. If we must fight let us fight the unspeakable Turk. But whatever may be the issue of the present "pleasantness" we may assure ourselves that there is one who rules over the affairs of men and nations individual and supreme, and that eventually the right shall prevail. Yea though we hear of "war" and "rumors of wars" the time will surely come when the "God shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall bear their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

I deem it then especially opportune that to-night we should speak concerning the Prince of Peace, who "shall not fail or be discouraged until He shall have set judgment in the earth, and the lawless shall wait for His law." He came to destroy the works of the devil and He shall reign not only until He has put all enemies under His feet, but forever as "King of Kings" and "Lord of Lords."

This little world of ours has been the scene of the greater and grander events of the ages, but the most wonderful and mysterious, yet most natural and simple of all was the incarnation of Christ.

REV. MR. MESERVE'S REMARKS.
At Davenport church the pastor, Rev. Mr. Meserve in a Christmas discourse of rare power and beauty alluded to the talk of war, and said it could not be possible that two Christian nations, two English speaking nations, representing the highest civilization and the highest regards for the truths and teachings of the Christian religion, could become embroiled in a war almost fratricidal for no greater cause than appears to exist at present. He did not believe that war would result, but that the matter in dispute would be satisfactorily adjusted. The pastor's text was, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice."

DR. MUNGER REBUKES THE WAR SPIRIT.

The opening sentences of Dr. T. T. Munger's sermon in the United church yesterday morning had unmistakable reference to current conditions in the nation. Delivered with special and impressive emphasis they fixed the attention of the large audience. He said:

"Two great anniversaries claim our attention to-day. Yesterday was the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers in Plymouth 275 years ago. On Wednesday we shall commemorate the uncertain date of the birth of Jesus Christ, and we shall remember it with special gratitude because it will remind us as a Christian nation that we are pledged to the truth which natural science and social science are laying at the feet of Christianity, namely, that 'peace on earth and good will to men,' is the fundamental purpose that should animate the nation in all its movements; and that any other spirit is treacherous to our principles until the direct necessity forces it into our unwilling hearts."

The sermon was chiefly devoted to the Pilgrims and their work.

FOR SIX BATTLESHIPS.

Board on Construction Recommends Four in Addition to the Two Ordered.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Herbert received a report Saturday from the board of naval bureau chiefs presenting a plan for increasing the naval establishment by four big battleships in addition to the two already provided for.

A STATUE TO GENERAL SEDGWICK.

Congressman Russell's Bill to Appropriate \$50,000.
Washington, Dec. 22.—Mr. Russell, rep. of Connecticut, introduced in the house Saturday a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of a statue in the city of Washington to General John Sedgwick, "The most gallant of the sons of Connecticut killed in battle."

They Are Now in Rome.
Rome, Dec. 22.—The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough have arrived in this city. They will remain here for several days visiting Roman antiquities.

Half-Price Sale MILLINERY.

E. MOSES & CO.

Successors to
R. BALLERSTEIN & CO.,
841 and 843 Chapel Street.

We shall commence on Friday of this week a general Clearing Out Sale of Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets at Half Former Prices.

150 Trimmed Velvet Hats, former price \$6.50 each, now \$3.25.
100 Trimmed Hats and Bonnets, formerly \$5.00, now \$2.50.

150 Trimmed Hats and Bonnets, formerly \$4.50, now \$2.25.
A variety of Evening and Theater Hats and Children's Millinery at same reduction.

FRENCH FELT HATS.
All of our French Felt Hats, Black and Colors, only new desirable shapes, at 75c each, formerly \$1.25 each.
50 dozen Trimmed Sallors and Walking Hats at 25c each, former price 75c.

RIBBON DEPARTMENT.

RIBBONS For Fancy Work.

RIBBONS For Millinery.

RIBBONS For Dress Trimming.

All at less than cost of production. Gros Grain Ribbons, Satin and Gros Grain, Persian, Roman and Dresden effects, in endless variety and all widths.

Our Satin and Gros Grain Ribbons for Fancy Work, while of superior quality, are lower in price than the inferior, unreliable would-be Silk goods advertised about town as Ribbons, — in reality, only transparent strings.

BARGAINS IN OSTRICH FEATHERS AND BOAS.

E. MOSES & CO.,

841 and 843 Chapel street.

Dry Goods.
Wm. Frank & Co.
783 Chapel St.

Tremendous Reductions

ON ALL
HOLIDAY GOODS

That must clear our entire stock by Tuesday night.

All **PLUSH, CELLULOID, LEATHER** and **METAL GOODS** will be marked ready for Monday Morning without very much regard for cost. Those who have waited will now get the benefit.

CLOAKS, CLOAKS.

We are selling them NOW at LESS prices than will rule in January and the choice styles will undoubtedly be all sold by Christmas.

Complete Lines of
Useful Gifts
AT SPECIAL PRICES

Until Tuesday Night.

WM. FRANK & CO.

781-783 Chapel street.

A FEW DAYS MORE.

A FEW MORE LEFT.

A BEAUTIFUL
\$5.00 OAK ROCKER
Given Away Free

AT
OAK HALL,
49 and 51 Church st., 121 Crown st.,
TO EVERYONE

Buying \$15.00 worth of Clothing at one time or at several times between now and New Year's.

WE GIVE THIS BEAUTIFUL ROCKER FREE.
Don't Miss This Opportunity to Get Your Christmas Present Free.

About January 1st we take Inventory. Between now and then we must sell goods and we will sell lower than ever before.

HERE ARE A FEW SAMPLES.

\$5.75 Men's and Young Men's Overcoats and Suits, that were \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50, now yours to pick from at \$5.75.

\$7.50 Blue and Black Beaver Overcoats that sold at \$10.00 and \$12.00, wool lined, silk shoulder and satin sleeve linings, now going at \$7.50.

\$10.00 Kersey, Melton and Beaver Overcoats, Blue, Black and Brown colors, all lengths, the kind that sold at \$12.00, \$13.50 and \$15.00, lined with worsted, silk shoulder and sleeve linings, \$10.00.

In all departments.—Men's, Boys' and Children's,—you will find during the next three weeks some of the biggest bargains ever offered in New Haven.

Every Article in our Store Goes at
Same Sweeping Reduction.

The Place to buy Clothing for Men, Boys and Children, is at

OAK HALL
49 and 51 Church St. 121 Crown St.

EWEN MCINTYRE & CO.

834---840 CHAPEL STREET,
WILL WIND UP THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

WITH A SPECIAL
Mark Down Two Days' Sale,
MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

This will surpass all the Bargain Sales ever seen in New Haven. Necessity compels us to get rid of goods. The weather has been against us. But we will carry nothing over that will sell at a price. Now is your opportunity.

TWO DAYS' SALE:

DRESS GOODS. GLOVES. FANCY NOTIONS

Special two days' sale on Dress Patterns and Dress Goods by the yard. No such values ever seen.

500 DRESS PATTERNS

From \$1.25 to \$10.00. All tempting bargains.

25 PIECES

52-inch Black and Navy, heavy all Wool Serges—good values at \$1.00. Now 49c yd. Don't miss this bargain.

32 PIECES

46-inch India Twills, in all colors, cost to import 40c. Retail at 50c. Two-day price 25c yd.

ALL OUR FANCY NOVELTIES

Marked down to alarming prices, i. e.: Our \$7.50 per yard, Fine Imported Dress Goods. Now \$4.00 a yd. Lower grades cut in equal proportion.

150 PIECES

Apron and Dress Gingham, quality worth 10c. At 5c yard.

10 DOZEN

6x4 Chenille Table Covers with deep knotted fringe, worth \$1.50. At 99c each.

5 DOZEN

Fine Tapestry Covers, 6-4 size, French patterns, cheap at \$2.50. Now \$1.75 each.

100 CROCHET

Bed Spreads, never shown under 98c. At 75c.

100 DOZEN

All Linen Damask and Huck Towels, with and without knotted fringe and open work borders, these cost to import \$4.00 a dozen; as a special offering two-day price 25c each.

20 PIECES

Bleached Damask in new patterns, a special offering. For two days, 50c yard.

100 DOZEN

3-4 Napkins, positively the grandest value ever shown, worth \$3.00. Two-day price, \$2.00 dozen.

CLOAKS.

Ladies' Heavy Bobble Jacket, well made, latest style. Marked for two days \$4.98.

Ladies' Rough Curly Jackets, large Sleeves, Rippled Back, worth \$10. Marked for two days, \$6.75.

Ladies' Jackets, latest styles, at \$12.00, \$14.50, \$16.00. Marked for two days, \$10.00.

Ladies' fine Jackets, all make and highly finished, sold at \$16.50 to \$22.00. Marked for two days, \$14.50.

Circular Capes, Astrakhan, full sweep, Fur Collar, worth \$20.00. At \$12.98.

MACINTOSHES.

Just in. Ladies' Silk Mackintoshes, in Black only, with Military Cape, warranted in every respect. No better garment for the weight. Sold by the best dealers at \$20.00. Our price \$15.00.

The stock of guaranteed Mackintoshes from \$3.50 to \$15.00 are the best value offered and would make an acceptable Xmas present.

COTTON UNDERWEAR

(Second Floor.)
200 dozen fine embroidered Aprons. For two days 12c each.

50 dozen Swiss Embroidered Lawn Aprons, the 50c quality for two days 39c. All Aprons marked down for the next two days at unheard of prices.

TWO DAYS' SALE

Of a purchase of 5,000 pounds of Candy, 3 grades, 3 prices. Each grade sold at double the price we ask.

1,000 lbs 20c Candy at 10c lb.
1,500 lbs 25c Candy at 15c lb.
1,500 lbs 40c and 50c Candy at 25c.

To-day's sale on Fur Top Gloves.

Every customer knows Fur Top Gloves are bought for the holidays and cold weather. Holidays are here—but the cold weather is probably coming. Fur Top Gloves must be sold. A big reduction made here.

Children's 75c Fur Top Gloves 50c.

Children's \$1.00 grade 75c.

Children's \$1.38 grade \$1.00.

Men's 75c Fur Top Gloves now 50c.

Men's \$1.00 Fur Top Gloves now 75c.

Men's \$1.50 Fur Top Gloves now \$1.00.

Men's \$2.00 Fur Top Gloves now \$1.50.

Men's \$2.75 Fur Top Gloves now \$2.25.

Men's \$4.00 Fur Top Gloves now \$2.98.

Men's Seal Gloves marked \$2.98, \$2.50.

Ladies' \$1.50 Fur Top Gloves now \$1.00.

Ladies' \$1.75 Fur Top Gloves now \$1.38.

Blankets, Linens.

Two day's sale before Xmas at less than the goods cost us.

200 PAIRS

11x4 White Blankets, worth \$1.75. At \$1.10 pair.

100 PAIRS

11x4 White Wool Blankets, decidedly cheap at \$3.50. Two-day sale price \$2.50.

75 PAIRS

11x4 White California Blankets, poorer quality often sold at \$5.00. Two-day sale price \$3.00.

10 PIECES

Scarlet and Blue Twill Flannel, sold every day at 35c yd. Two-day sale price 19c yd.

3 CASES

White Domet Flannel, good quality. Two-day sale price 34c yd.

50 PIECES

La Belle Crepons, the newest and prettiest cloth now on the market, cheap at 20c. Price 12 1/2c yd.

UPHOLSTERY.

100 PAIRS Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yds. long, full width, worth \$2.00. \$1.39.

125 PAIRS

Lace Curtains, Fine Brussels effect, full length and width. Worth \$4.00. Only \$2.50.

75 PAIRS

Irish Point Curtains. Worth \$3.00. Only \$1.75.

25 PAIRS

Heavy Chenille Curtains, new designs, Dado and heavy fringe top and bottom. Worth \$3.25, \$2.25 per pair.

20 PAIRS

Fine Shella Curtains, 18 in., heavy fringe, extra width. Worth \$7.00, \$4.98 per pair.

Sofa Pillows, wide ruffles, 20x20, at 50c each.

Silk Covered Down Pillows, Worth \$2.00, \$1.25.

Embroidered Denim Covered Down Pillows, large size. Worth \$3.00, \$1.98.

Baby Fur Carriage Robes from \$1.98.

PICTURES.

200 Pictures, worth 50c. For two days at 15c.

150 Enameled Framed Pictures. Good subjects, frame alone worth 60c, for two days at 29c.

125 Wall Pockets, Picture front, good size, enameled; worth 45c, for two days only, 19c.

225 Artotypes, wide frame, good subjects, 27x23; worth \$2.00, for two days only, 59c.

400 elegantly framed pictures, 33x36, many worth \$4.00, for two days at \$1.69.

Many other choice pictures for Xmas presents at nearly half price.

Easels, Screens, Rugs.

About 20 beautiful Framed Pictures, large, and sold at \$10.00 to \$12.00, for two days, \$5.75.

Right Aisle.

Following are samples for reductions for two days: 39c baskets, with two bottles good perfumery, marked now 25c.

SPECIAL CUT.

Two ounce bottle good perfume, glass stopper, worth 50c; now 25c bottle.

POCKET BOOKS.

Old Prices. 2-Day Price
39c Books.....now 25c
75c Books.....now 50c
\$1.00 Books.....now 75c
\$1.50 Books.....now \$1.00

1,000 BOXES

Writing Paper marked down, quality excellent, prices ridiculously low:

Old Price. 2-Day Price

15c Box.....now 10c

25c Box.....now 15c

39c Box.....now 25c

75c Box.....now 45c

THOUSANDS OF LADIES'

And Men's Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, embroidered, Revere, scalloped and plain. 10c qualities, at 5c each.

THOUSANDS OF LADIES'

Fine Embroidered Hemstitched, all Linen, also Japanese Embroidered, Initials, etc., 25c price every store. Ewen McIntyre price 12 1/2c each.

25 DOZEN